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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF COLOMBIAN LABEL-
LING REQUIREMENTS

1. THE DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES
(DISCUS) REPRESENTING 90 PERCENT OF U.S. DISTILLED
SPIRITS MANUFACTURERS HAS REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT'S
ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A POSTPONEMENT OF THE EFFECTIVE
DATE OF GOC DECREE 1188, AND PARTICULARLY AN EXEMPTION
FOR ALL SHIPMENTS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALREADY ENROUTE
TO COLOMBIA.

2. DECREE IN QUESTION REQUIRES ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
TO STATE ON THEIR LABEL THAT QTE ALCOHOL IS A SUBSTANCE
HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH UNQTE AND ALSO REQUIRES A STATE-
MENT OF DEGREE OF ALCOHOLIC STRENGTH AND CHEMICAL COMPO-
SITION AS DETERMINED BY THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

3. DISCUS STATES IT HAS JUST LEARNED OF DECREE WHICH
BECAME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 8, 1974.

4. BRITISH EMBASSY ON BEHALF OF SCOTCH WHISKEY ASSOCIA-
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TION ALSO REPORTEDLY IS MAKING SIMILAR REQUEST FOR POST-

PONEMENT OF EFFECTIVE DATE.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO OBTAIN, IF POSSIBLE, SIX MONTH DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECREE TO ENABLE U.S. FIRMS TO COMPLY. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED UPON EXEMPTION OF SHIPMENTS ALREADY ENROUTE.

6. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT URGENTLY RESULTS OF APPROACH TO GOC. KISSINGER

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